
Subject: **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Meeting and Date: **Annual Council – 17 May 2019**

Report of: **Louise May, Head of Governance**

Decision Type: **Non-Key**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Purpose of the report: The Annual Report of the Governance Committee to be presented to the Annual Meeting of the Council on 17 May 2019

Recommendation: That Members note the report.

1. **Summary**

This report summarises the achievements of the Governance Committee against its Terms of Reference for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 and details the impact that it has made on the overall system of internal control in operation for that period.

2. **Introduction and Background**

2.1 The purpose of the Council's Governance Committee is to provide independent assurance of the adequacy of the risk management framework and the associated control environment. In addition, the Committee provide an independent review of the Authority's financial and non-financial performance to the extent that it affects the Authority's exposure to risk and weakens the control environment and oversees the financial reporting process, the Council's ethical standards together with service and member complaints processes.

3. **Annual Report**

3.1 The Annual Council meeting makes provision for the receipt of the Annual Report of the Governance Committee, detailing its work during the preceding year.

4. **Identification of Options**

4.1 Option 1. To receive and note the report.

4.2 Option 2. Not to note the report.

5. **Evaluation of Options**

5.1 Option 1 is the recommended option. The Delivering Good Governance in Local Government Framework identifies openness and engagement as a core principle. This annual report effectively summarises the activity of the Governance Committee during 2018/19. The Monitoring Officer has been consulted during the preparation of this report.

6. **Resource Implications**

6.1 None from this report

7. **Appendices**

Appendix A – Annual Report of the Governance Committee – 2018/19

8. **Background Papers**

8.1 Agenda items of the Governance Committee – 2018/19

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